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identified as plague, and is now under treatment, the two former having proved fatal.

The number of Japanese emigrants now seeking United States and Canadian ports is larger than ever before, and our disinfection establishments, both at Kobe and here, are kept fully employed.

Respectfully,

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., Sanitary Inspector.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

KOBE, JAPAN, *April 15, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that there has occurred in Osaka 1 case of plague, certified as such by the medical authorities after the patient's death, which took place on the 13th instant.

I have accordingly suspended all further purchase of rags, and also notified the shipping companies that emigrants from this port will have to undergo fifteen days' isolation before embarking on any boat bound for the United States of America or any of its possessions.

Respectfully,

J. BUCKWILL FOWLER,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

NETHERLANDS.

*Report from Rotterdam.*

ROTTERDAM, NETHERLANDS, *April 30, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the transactions of the Service at this port for the week ended April 28, 1900: Ten vessels were inspected and received bills of health. The steamship *Rotterdam*, of the Holland-American Line, sailed on the 26th instant, carrying 60 cabin and 264 steerage passengers. One hundred and forty-two pieces of baggage were inspected and passed and 20 pieces were disinfected. The health of this port continues good.

Respectfully,

A. R. THOMAS,

*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

NEW CALEDONIA.

*Plague in Noumea.*

NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA, *April 4, 1900.*

SIR: In answer to your Communication H, dated December 29, 1899, I have the honor to inform you, that I interviewed the governor of this colony to-day, relative to your request, and received the following information:

The first symptoms of bubonic plague were first discovered at Noumea, on December 17 last. Its origin or how the same was introduced is unknown. Public opinion is, that the pestiferous microbes were imported in bags from India.

Up to date 123 cases have occurred and 77 deaths

The epidemic has ceased since twelve days and quarantine is about to be taken up.

Respectfully,

PAUL EUGENE WOLFF.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*